



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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METHOD OF IMPLANTATION

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Responsive to the Final Office Action, mailed April 5, 2006, enclosed is an Amendment and Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-captioned application. Entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.:

**Amendments to the claims** to the claims begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 5.

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